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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH INDIA ON SSOD

1. DURING HIS VISIT TO INDIA, THE PRESIDENT AGREED WITH PRIME MINISTER DESAI THAT THE US AND INDIA SHOULD CONSULT CLOSELY ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. DURING THE RECENT SSOD PREPCOM INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN US AND INDIAN DELS TOOK PLACE. THE DEPARTMENT NOW WISHES TO PROPOSE TO THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT THAT BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BE HELD IN WASHINGTON WITH
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APPROPRIATE US OFFICIALS, THE WEEK OF MARCH 27-31, JUST PRIOR TO THE FIFTH AND FINAL MEETING OF THE SSOD PREPCOM.

2. WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE HEAD OF THE INDIAN PREPCOM DELEGATION COMING FROM NEW DELHI, PERHAPS ACCOMPANIED BY INDIA'S UN AMBASSADOR JAIPAL, MEET FOR ONE DAY OF

CONSULTATIONS AT THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEVEL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND ACDA. WE WOULD FURTHER SUGGEST WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY, MARCH 29 OR 30, BUT ARE PREPARED TO ACCOMMODATE THE TRAVEL PLANS OF THE INDIAN DELEGATE.

3. POST SHOULD PROPOSE THIS SCHEDULE TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN MEA AND REPORT REACTION. SPECIFIC AGENDA AND US PARTICIPANTS CAN BE SET AT DATE CLOSER TO MEETING ITSELF. VANCE

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